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House Resolution 62 - Introduced

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.

BY ISENHART, HEIN, LUKAN, MOORE, MURPHY, and
VANDER?LINDEN

1 1 A Resolution honoring the four=decade saga of the USS
1 2 Dubuque and its crew.
1 3 WHEREAS, after over 40 years of service, from
1 4 Vietnam to the Horn of Africa, the USS Dubuque is
1 5 scheduled for decommissioning on June 30, 2011, and
1 6 will be placed in reserve; and
1 7 WHEREAS, LPD=8, as the USS Dubuque is designated,
1 8 was commissioned in 1967 as an amphibious transport
1 9 dock; and
1 10 WHEREAS, the USS Dubuque saw extensive duty in
1 11 Vietnam, earning eight campaign stars for Vietnam
1 12 service, and in a highly publicized event in October
1 13 1968, the ship returned 14 repatriated prisoners of war
1 14 to North Vietnam; and
1 15 WHEREAS, in the final chapter of the Vietnam
1 16 conflict, in April 1975 the USS Dubuque participated
1 17 in the evacuation of Saigon and the rescue of refugees
1 18 fleeing South Vietnam; and
1 19 WHEREAS, over the decades the USS Dubuque saw
1 20 service throughout the globe and has received two
1 21 Navy Unit Commendations, four Meritorious Unit
1 22 Commendations, three Battle Efficiency Awards,
1 23 three Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, and four
1 24 Humanitarian Service Medals, and participated in
1 25 countless amphibious exercises and operations
1 26 throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans; and
1 27 WHEREAS, most recently in 2010 the USS Dubuque and



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2 1 its crew completed a humanitarian mission, providing
2 2 support services in a massive humanitarian and
2 3 disaster relief effort for the flood-ravaged nation of
2 4 Pakistan; NOW THEREFORE,
2 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 6 That the House of Representatives honors the men and
2 7 women who have served aboard the USS Dubuque and honors
2 8 the ship itself for over four decades of military and
2 9 humanitarian service.

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Senate Resolution 16 - Introduced

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO.

BY BEALL, BOWMAN, DOTZLER, HANCOCK, KIBBIE, and
SCHOENJAHN

1 1 A Resolution calling for a moratorium on the closing of
1 2 United States Postal Service offices in Iowa.
1 3 WHEREAS, in its most recent fiscal year, the United
1 4 States Postal Service sustained the largest net
1 5 operating loss in its history, and in response has
1 6 begun the process of closing up to 2,000 local post
1 7 offices; and
1 8 WHEREAS, in Iowa some 70 post offices are in the
1 9 process or under threat of closing; and
1 10 WHEREAS, the closings of the offices will have
1 11 a devastating impact on the communities which they
1 12 serve; and
1 13 WHEREAS, there is significant question whether the
1 14 cost of providing service to rural Iowa is a primary
1 15 factor in the operating loss; and
1 16 WHEREAS, before an office is closed it is
1 17 essential to determine not only the savings to the
1 18 Postal Service, but also the impact on the local
1 19 community; and
1 20 WHEREAS, the loss of a post office not only hinders
1 21 the economic development of a community, but also
1 22 threatens the health, safety, and welfare of its
1 23 residents by causing additional delays in the delivery
1 24 of vital medications; NOW THEREFORE,
1 25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
1 26 respectfully requests that the United States Congress
1 27 place a moratorium on the closing of post office



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2 1 locations in Iowa and requests that Congress establish
2 2 a blue ribbon panel to investigate the causes of the
2 3 Postal Service operating losses, the role played by
2 4 local offices in creating these losses, the actual cost
2 5 to the Postal Service in maintaining these offices,
2 6 and the impact on the communities if a local office is
2 7 closed; and

2 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
2 9 the Senate is directed to distribute copies of this
2 10 resolution to the Iowa congressional delegation.

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